

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the TITLE to read:

TECHNIQUES ~~OF~~ FOR REMOVING MARKER GENES BY TRANSIENT  
EXPRESSION OF SITE-SPECIFIC RECOMBINASE GENES

Please amend paragraph number [0027] as follows:

[0027] For example, methods for producing a transformed rice plant include: (1) introducing genes into protoplasts using polyethylene glycol, then regenerating the plant (suitable for indica rice cultivars) (Datta S.K. (1995) in “Gene Transfer To Plants”, Potrykus I. and Spangenberg Eds., pp. 66-74); (2) introducing genes into protoplasts using electric pulses, then regenerating the plant (suitable for japonica rice cultivars) (Toki S. *et al.* (1992) Plant Physiol. 100:1503); (3) introducing genes directly into cells by particle bombardment, then regenerating the plant (Christou *et al.* (1991) Biotechnology, 9:957); (4) introducing genes using *Agrobacterium*, then regenerating the plant (for example, “Extremely Rapid Transformation of Monocotyledon” [Japanese Patent No. 3141084]); and so on. These methods are already established in the art and are widely used in the technical field of the present invention. Such methods can be suitably used in the present invention.